

Wilmington, Delaware
March 7, 2013

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WHEREAS, in 1994, Congress enacted an assault weapons ban that prohibited the sale of certain semi-automatic and automatic weapons to help reduce the levels of gun-related violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the assault weapons ban expired in 2004, by operation of law, and the ban has not been reenacted by Congress; and

WHEREAS, throughout the United States a growing number of mass and random shootings have occurred in schools, colleges, and other public places where innocent people gather; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Wilmington, 23 gun homicides were reported in 2010, 22 gun homicides in 2011 and 24 gun homicides in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Council supports the proposed federal gun control laws that: (a) close background check loopholes to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and other dangerous individuals; (b) require background check on ALL gun sales; (c) ban military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines and takes other common-sense steps to reduce gun violence; (d) make all schools safer; (e) increase access to mental health service; and (f) end the freeze on gun violence research.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Wilmington City Council respectfully urges our Delaware United States Congressional delegation, United States Senators Thomas R. Carper and Christopher Coons, and United States Representative John Carney, Jr. to support the passage of **THE FEDERAL GUN CONTROL LAWS**. We further respectfully urge all other United States Congress Members to fully support this bill.

Passed by City Council,
March 7, 2013

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 5th
Day of March, 2013

Thomas D. Carney
Assistant City Solicitor